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SUBJECT: WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION, GENEVA, AUGUST 14-25, 1978

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1. DURING AFTERNOON MEETING (AUGUST 17) OF WORLD
CONFERENCE INTERVENTIONS MADE BY ELEVEN DELEGATIONS. MOST
VITRIOLIC SPEECH MADE BY SYRIAN DEL EL-FATTAL, PERMANENT
REP TO THE UN IN GENEVA. AMONG OTHER STATEMENTS EL-FATTAL
ACCUSED THE U.S. OF CENSORING DOCUMENTS OF THE WORLD
CONFERENCE. END SUMMARY.

2. THE FIRST SPEAKER DURING AFTERNOON MEETING WAS FINNISH
DEL CAWEN, WHO STATED THAT CONDEMNATION OF SOUTH AFRICA
MUST BE FOLLOWED BY CONCRETE ACTION. TO INCREASE LEGAL
AND ECONOMIC PRESSURE, HE SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD
WELCOME FURTHER ACTION BY THE COUNCIL AGAINST TRADE WITH
SOUTH AFRICA.

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3. BRAZIL SPOKE IN FAVOR OF PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS IN SOUTH
AFRICA. ROMANIA ECHOED THIS VIEW NOTING THAT CEAUSEAU
HAS BEEN MEETING WITH LIBERATION LEADERS TO DEMONSTRATE
SUPPORT BUT THE GOR STANDS FOR PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT BY
NEGOTIATION OF ALL INTERESTED BODIES WITHOUT FOREIGN
INTERFERENCE.

4. BULGARIA AND HUNGARY EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT IMPERIAL-IST AND TRANSNATIONAL SUPPORT OF RACIST REGIMES. BULGARIA ACCUSED CHINA OF AIDING IN THE PERPETUATION OF APARTHEID WHILE HUNGARY FOCUSED ON THE NUCLEAR AMBITIONS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

5. MRS. OLGA LIMA (ANGOLA) SAID HER GOVERNMENT QUOTE--BELIEVES MORE IN THE IMPORTANCE OF ANTI-IMPERIALIST SOLIDARITY IN THE BATTLE AGAINST RACISM, APARTHEID AND ZIONISM THAN IN INTERNATIONAL CONDEMNATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. RESOLUTIONS CONDEMNING RACIST PRACTICES ARE IMPORTANT, BUT ONLY A PROGRAMME OF ACTION ENGAGING ALL COUNTRIES IN THE BATTLE AGAINST RACISM WILL ALLOW THE EARLY ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SOCIO-CULTURAL ORDER BASED ON EQUALITY AND FRATERNITY FOR DEVELOPMENT. ARMED STRUGGLE REMAINS THE ONLY MEANS TO OBTAIN THE LIBERATION OF THE PEOPLES OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN AND PALESTINE. END QUOTE. LIMA CONCLUDED HER INTERVENTION BY STATING THAT THE BLACK PUPPETS WHO BETRAYED THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE MUST BE THROWN INTO THE GARBAGE CAN OF HISTORY.

6. WITH HIS USUAL PASSION EL-FATTAL (SYRIA) ATTACKED THE U.S. AND ACCUSED THE USG OF HAVING CENSORED THE DOCUMENTS OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE. COMMENT: EL-FATTAL EVIDENTLY CONCLUDED THAT SINCE THE ZIONISM ISSUE HAS NOT YET SURFACED AS A MAJOR TOPIC AT THE CONFERENCE THE U.S. HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LITERALLY REMOVED ANY REFERENCE TO THE ISSUE FROM ALL UN DOCUMENTS. END COMMENT. EL-FATTAL EXPRESSED HIS OPINION THAT THE -QUOTE- CONFERENCE SHOULD BE A FORUM TO DEVISE THE KIND OF CONCERTED INTERNATIONAL ACTION TO ERADICATE RACISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AS WELL AS ALL FORMS OF OPPRESSION. RACISM IN BOTH OF ITS MANIFESTATIONS- APARTHEID AND ZIONISM - POSES "AN IMMEDIATE AND GROWING THREAT TO WORLD PEACE AND SECURITY". THE PROBLEMS OF APARTHEID AND ZIONISM MUST BE TREATED AS PRIORITIES, FOR THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF THE WORLD IS A PRIORITY DEMAND FOR MANKIND. MOREOVER, THEIR INTERDEPENDENCE AND THEIR MUTUAL INTEREST IN KEEPING THE STATUS QUO "MAKE IT A DUTY TO CHANNEL INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION AGAINST THE TWO SYSTEMS AT THE SAME LEVEL OF INTENSITY."

"IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT ZIONISM, THOUGH DECLARED AS A FORM OF RACISM BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3379 (XXX) IN 1975, "HAS NOT AS YET BEEN ACCORDED DUE ATTENTION AS AN INHERENTLY RACIST DOCTRINE". DESPITE THE CLOSE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE RACIST REGIMES OF PRETORIA AND TEL-AVIV, UNITED NATIONS DOCUMENTS "HAVE NOT AS YET ELABORATED ON THE DOCTRINAL ASPECT OF RACISM INHERENT IN ZIONISM".

MANY STATES AND INDIVIDUALS PRESENT AT THE CONFERENCE CON-
SIDER IT AN OFFENCE TO IDEALS OF JUSTICE THAT "THE ISSUE
OF ZIONISM IS BEING, ON PURPOSE, EVADED" AT A TIME WHEN
ISRAEL IS PUBLICLY ANNOUNCING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW
JEWISH COLONIAL SETTLEMENTS ON ARAB LANDS AND PROPERTY.
THE CONFERENCE IS "CALLED UPON TO ANALYZE ZIONISM". YET,
SURPRISINGLY ENOUGH, ALL DIRECT REFERENCES TO RESOLUTION
3379 (XXX) HAVE BEEN CIRCUMVENTED.
THE RACIST REGIME IN OCCUPIED PALESTINE AND THE RACIST
REGIME IN ZIMBABWE AND SOUTH AFRICA HAVE A COMMON IMPERIAL-
IST ORIGIN, FORMING A WHOLE AND HAVING THE SAME RACIST
STRUCTURE. SYRIA IS "REASSURED THAT THE DAY WHEN THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WILL DEPRIVE ISRAEL OF ITS MEMBER-
SHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS IS NOT FAR AWAY". IT IS CON-
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FIDENT THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WILL IMPOSE UPON
ISRAEL SANCTIONS UNDER CHAPTER VII OF THE CHARTER. END
QUOTE.

7. QATAR REP ALATTIYA ECHOED SPEECH OF SYRIAN DEL NOTING
ZIONISM AND APARTHEID HAVE THE SAME ORIGIN WHICH IS THE

POLICY OF COLONIZATION.

8. OTHER SPEAKERS INCLUDED SENEGAL (SENE) WHO GAVE RATHER
PHILOSOPHICAL SPEECH ABOUT THE ERADICATION OF RACIAL
PREJUDICES AND THE PHILIPPINES AND IRAN WHO OPPOSED RACISM
IN ANY FORM. SORENSON

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